

PASSING OF ANTHONY SHADID

HON. DAN BOREN

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 29, 2012

Mr. BOREN. Mr. Speaker, last week the world lost an incredible journalist, and Oklahoma lost a son: Anthony Shadid. At the time of his death Anthony was covering the turmoil in Syria, despite the many attempts to limit media coverage of the violence. This attitude marked Anthony's entire career—he put the importance of sharing information before his personal safety. For 15 years, Anthony worked relentlessly to investigate and bring to light the events in the Middle East.

Anthony was a two-time Pulitzer Prize winner for his reporting on the US invasion of Iraq in 2004 and for the withdrawal of US troops six years later, but he transcended traditional reporting. He was unafraid as he pushed into the front lines, and he often faced dangerous situations head-on.

While Anthony Shadid will always be remembered for his courageous reporting, he also leaves behind a loving family. Anthony's wife, Nada Bakri, is also a reporter for the New York Times; Anthony also has two young children, Malik and Laila. Several members of his family remain in Oklahoma, including his cousin Ed Shadid, a city councilman in Oklahoma City.

My family's deepest sympathies go out to the Shadid's and everyone else whose life was touched by Anthony.

IN HONOR OF LARRY HORAN

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today on behalf of myself and my late father, State Senator Fred Farr, to honor the life of a dear family friend, Larry Horan, who died recently at the all too young age of eighty-two following a short illness. Larry became a dear personal friend of my father, and for much of my own life, was like an uncle to me. He was a skilled lawyer and devoted family man whose example of public service and dedication to others served as a model for everybody who has the good fortune to know him.

Larry and his wife of fifty-eight years, Jean, were both University of California graduates. They raised five children who in turn gave them twelve grandchildren. Larry and Jean's deep friendship with my late father made them almost a part of my own family, and I theirs. Indeed, as Larry's melanoma took hold, he and Jean approached my wife Shary to help them work the issues that they faced as the end of Larry's life neared. Horan was a devout Catholic who attended 8 a.m. Mass at the Carmelite Monastery virtually every day. I always knew Larry to be concerned about the others around him. It was never about Larry. I don't think he had a negative bone in his body.

Larry was an attorney for more than fifty years and one of the most respected in Monterey County. During a rich and full life, he directed the Peace Corps in three Central and

South American countries, was a regional director of President Johnson's War on Poverty, served on the board of the Monterey Institute of International Studies, and was a leader of the Special Olympics. Horan's wide-ranging law practice included civil litigation, conservation easements, and land use among other areas. Upon graduation from the Boalt Hall School of Law at the University of California, Larry signed on as a prosecutor in the Alameda County District Attorney's office. After five years as a prosecutor, my father, then state Sen. Fred Farr, lured Larry and his wife Jean to the Monterey Peninsula in 1960 to join his law firm. Their partnership and friendship lasted many years. The law partnership grew and transformed and has become one of the leading firms on the Central Coast, with the Horan name at the lead.

The Horans were great admirers of President John F. Kennedy, whose assassination in 1963 spurred them to change their lives. Following JFK's call to service, Larry and Jean became a Peace Corps family. With their four young children, Kevin, Kathleen, Maurine, and Stephen, they set out for Central America. Larry eventually served as agency director in El Salvador and Costa Rica and in Colombia, where their youngest daughter Laura was born and where I was already serving as a Peace Corps volunteer in Medellin. Following the Peace Corps, Sargent Shriver tapped Larry to head the Western Regional office for President Johnson's War on Poverty. Later, Shriver asked Larry to establish and chair the Northern California Chapter of the Special Olympics.

Mr. Speaker, I know I speak for the whole House in recognizing the contributions that Larry Horan made to make this world a better place. We offer our condolences to his family and friends. Those of us who had the good fortune to have known Larry are better people for the experience.

IN HONOR OF KAY HIND

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to an outstanding community leader and good friend to me and the community of Albany, Georgia—Mrs. Kay Hind of the Southwest Georgia Council on Aging. On Thursday, February 23, 2012, the Georgia Council on Aging honored Mrs. Hind at a reception in the Georgia State Capitol Rotunda after she received the Distinguished Older Georgian Award on the floor of the Georgia House of Representatives.

The Distinguished Older Georgian Award was created in January 2003 by the Georgia Council on Aging and is bestowed to a Georgian who is at least 80 years of age and has made significant contributions to society through their occupational or volunteer efforts.

Mrs. Hind hails from Albany, Georgia and received her BS degree in Home Economics at the University of Georgia in 1951. After she graduated from college, Mrs. Hind worked as a Home Economist Extension Agent in Crawford County, Georgia and a year later she accepted a similar position in Lee County, Georgia.

For 44 years, Mrs. Hind has admirably served as the Executive Director of the Southwest Georgia Council on Aging, an agency that oversees programs for senior citizens in 14 counties in Southwest Georgia. This distinguished agency was incorporated in 1966 to address the needs of older people in Dougherty County, Georgia. Over the years, Mrs. Hind has successfully led the agency to meet the needs of the ever-increasing number of senior citizens living in southwest Georgia.

Due in large part to her successful professional career and her unyielding advocacy on behalf of America's seniors, Mrs. Hind has been recognized repeatedly for her occupational achievements. Mrs. Hind has received the Trailblazer Award from the 100 Black Men of Southwest Georgia; the Georgia Gerontology Society's John Tyler Mauldin Award; the Darton College Woman of Worth Award; and the Elsie Alvis Excellence in Aging Award. Additionally, she has served as a delegate to the White House Conference on Aging on four separate occasions.

Mrs. Hind has achieved numerous successes in her life, but none of this would have been possible without the support of her late husband of 39 years, Mr. John Carswell Hind and her three loving children—Richard, Ken and Gail.

On a personal note, Mrs. Hind has served as an advisor and friend to me for many years and she has frequently given me wise counsel and sound advice. I am especially grateful to her for her unyielding advocacy and ongoing efforts in trying to secure a new, state of the art senior center in Albany, Georgia. Her tireless efforts in fighting for this new facility is just one of the many reasons that people throughout the state of Georgia and across our country have come to admire and respect Mrs. Hind.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today in paying tribute to Mrs. Kay Hind for her life of selfless service to the seniors and working families in Georgia and throughout our United States of America.

RECOGNITION OF THE PEACE
CORPS' 51ST ANNIVERSARY**HON. JESSE L. JACKSON, JR.**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 29, 2012

Mr. JACKSON of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Peace Corps on its 51st anniversary and to recognize the anniversary and to recognize the outstanding work the organization has done in its years of service. Since 1961, the Peace Corps has placed over 200,000 volunteers in 139 countries. While abroad, volunteers make significant contributions in developing nations through assistance with agriculture, business development, information technology, education, health, HIV/AIDS, youth development, and the environment.

I am honored to congratulate the Peace Corps. Currently, the Corps has over 9,000 volunteers throughout Africa, Asia, the Caribbean, Central America, South America, Europe, the Pacific Islands, and the Middle East. As a member of the Foreign Operations Subcommittee I make a consistent effort to ensure the Peace Corps has adequate funding to fulfill its mission. Peace Corps volunteers have

long been instrumental in improving millions of lives, in addition to helping foster strong relationships between the United States and other countries around the world. The assistance the Peace Corps volunteers provide is an outstanding example of the United States' commitment to making the world a better place through not only compassion, but also development opportunities, like language training, youth skills development services, and much more.

One shining example of the success of the Peace Corps has been its tremendous leadership in the global fight against the HIV/AIDS pandemic. In 2010, approximately 34 million people lived with HIV/AIDS, with 22 million of those cases located in sub-Saharan Africa. I firmly believe the work done by the Peace Corps has had a tremendous impact in areas that have been disproportionately exposed to this virus. The volunteers use their unique training to teach HIV/AIDS prevention in a way that is culturally sensitive to local customs allowing Peace Corps professionals to provide essential health services to HIV/AIDS patients.

Finally, I would like to take a moment and give special recognition to the members of my district that are currently serving in the Peace Corps:

Manuel A. Colon, serving in Paraguay from 09-Dec-2010 until 15-Dec-2012

Hannah Gdalan, serving in Guatemala from 16-Jul-2010 until 15-Jul-2012

Sarah A. Kopper, serving in Senegal from 15-Oct-2010 until 05-Oct-2012

Marjorie A. Larson, serving in Mali 03-Sep-2010 until 10-Sep-2012

Ryne G. Peterson, serving in Moldova 08-Aug-2009 until 08-Jun-2012

Phebe I. Philips-Adeyelu, serving in Macdonia 25-Nov-2010 until 24-Nov-2012

Glenise A. Rice, serving in Panama 01-Jul-2010 until 29-Jun-2012

Thank you Peace Corps for 51 years of global service and leadership.

TRIBUTE TO SISTER JOAN KATHLEEN

HON. BILL PASCRELL, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 29, 2012

Mr. PASCRELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Sister Joan Kathleen for her continued contributions towards the advancement of the intellectually and developmentally disabled. As an educator, mentor, and member of St. Thomas the Apostle Church in Oak Ridge, New Jersey, Sister Joan has dedicated her life to bettering the lives of others.

Sister Joan is one of three children and grew up in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. After graduating from St. Hubert's High School, Sister Joan went on to receive her Bachelor's degree at Chestnut Hill College. She then taught for several years at local Philadelphia elementary schools. After being encouraged by those in her community, Sister Joan went on to obtain a Master's degree in special education from Marywood University.

Soon after she received her Master's degree, Sister Joan began to minister to those with special needs at St. Patrick School in Pottsville, Pennsylvania and at Our Lady of Confidence School in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

In 1989, Sister Joan joined the staff of the Department for Persons with Disabilities. Upon her arrival, Sister Joan was critical in establishing the "People Need Friends" program, which remains popular to this day. Sister Joan also coordinates the "Catholic Adult Religious Education" program, which provides religious instruction to the residents of the Department for Persons with Disabilities.

Not stopping there, Sister Joan also provides emotional and spiritual support to the family members and friends of the residents of the Department for Persons with Disabilities. She also provides pastoral care to the residents that are too sick to leave the Department for Persons with Disabilities nursing facilities. Recently, she has had the privilege of organizing the Catholic Charities New Jersey Annual Conference and was a member of the Committee for Evangelization under Bishop Serratelli.

For those lucky enough to know Sister Joan personally, they know that family means everything to her. Her weekends are often filled with trips to Philadelphia and the surrounding areas to celebrate birthdays, graduations, and to spend time her sisters and their families. In her free time, Sister Joan enjoys reading, crossword puzzles, traveling, and Scrabble.

The job of a United States Congressman involves much that is rewarding, yet nothing compares to recognizing and commemorating the achievements of truly selfless individuals like Sister Joan Kathleen.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you join our colleagues, Sister Joan's family and friends, all those whose lives she has touched, and me in recognizing Sister Joan Kathleen.

RECOGNIZING FEBRUARY AS NATIONAL MARFAN AWARENESS MONTH

HON. GARY L. ACKERMAN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 29, 2012

Mr. ACKERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of February as National Marfan Awareness Month and to acknowledge the hundreds of thousands of Americans who are living with Marfan syndrome and related connective-tissue disorders.

I am quite proud that the nation's leading organization working to raise awareness of Marfan syndrome and support the Marfan community, the National Marfan Foundation, is located in my congressional district, in Port Washington, New York. The NMF was founded in 1981 by Priscilla Ciccariello, a woman of tremendous compassion and vision. Since then, NMF members and staff have worked tirelessly to improve the lives of individuals affected by Marfan syndrome and related connective-tissue disorders by advancing research, raising awareness, and providing support.

Marfan syndrome is a rare genetic condition that affects connective tissue in the human body. About one in 5,000 Americans carries a mutation in the fibrillin gene. This irregularity results in an overproduction of a protein called transforming growth factor beta or TGFβ. Increased TGFβ impacts connective tissue throughout the entire body. Patient symptoms often include disproportionately long limbs, a

protruding or indented chest bone, curved spine, and loose joints. Of most concern is thoracic aortic disease, which is when a Marfan patient's aorta, the large artery that carries blood away from the heart, is weakened and can result in a fatal rupture. It is for this reason that increased awareness of Marfan syndrome can save lives.

While there is no cure for Marfan syndrome, research is underway to enhance our understanding of the condition and improve patient care. I commend the scientists at the National Institutes of Health, particularly the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute and the National Institute of Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases for their research efforts in this regard. I encourage NIH to continue to expand its research of Marfan syndrome.

Early diagnosis and proper treatment are the keys to successfully managing Marfan syndrome so that patients can live a full life. I am pleased to announce that recently the American Heart Association and the American College of Cardiology released new treatment guidelines for thoracic aortic disease. We can facilitate proper treatment by raising awareness of these guidelines and we can help achieve an early diagnosis by raising awareness of Marfan syndrome and related connective tissue disorders.

Mr. Speaker, I hope my colleagues will join me in raising awareness by observing Marfan Awareness Month.

IN HONOR OF THE NISEI VETERANS

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 29, 2012

Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize thirty-four Congressional Gold Medal recipients from my District in Central California for their courageous service to our nation during World War II as part of the Military Intelligence Service (MIS), the 100th Infantry Battalion (100th Inf), and the 442nd Regimental Combat Team (RCT).

Established on November 1, 1941, MIS graduated 6,000 service members during World War II to provide critical Japanese language capabilities to the American military. These brave servicemen and women provided translation, interpretation and code breaking services in the essential Pacific Theater, which contributed significantly to our nation's victory. In the 1970s, the MIS's name changed to the Defense Language Institute, and all of the Department of Defense language programs were consolidated at Monterey, California. From there the program grew into the Defense Language Institute Foreign Language Center.

The 100th Inf was largely made up of former members of the Hawaii Army National Guard. It was a unit within the US Army's 34th Infantry Division and later combined with the 442nd RCT, another mostly Nisei unit. Together as a single fighting combat team they saw action in Italy where they earned the nickname of "Purple Heart Battalion." Following World War II, the battalion was reorganized into reserve status but over the decades it was ordered back into active service several times, most recently in Iraq.

The original MIS, the 100th Inf, and the 442nd RCT were primarily comprised of Nisei,